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EDUCATION

PhD in ***Computer Science****,* Cum. GPA: 3.97 / 4.0 Aug. 2013–Apr. 2018
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
Main Projects:

- Designing **Deep Neural Networks** for **Information Retrieval** Systems.
  - Used **Python** and **Lua** languages with **Torch** and **Tensorflow** frameworks to implement deep Siamese neural networks,
  - Utilized **Indri**, **Galago**, **Apache Lucene** and other **search engines** to retrieve text documents,
  - Analyzed and visualized empirical results using **Tensorboard** and **R** libraries such as **ggplot2** and **Pandas**.
- Utilizing **Deep Reinforcement Learning** Approaches in Autonomous Driving.
  - Implemented **deep Q-networks** in the applications of autonomous driving in car racing game **TORCS**,
  - Designed a **multi-agent** deep reinforcement learning algorithm,
  - Implemented a **parallel and multithreaded RL algorithms** using **Tensorflow**.
- Using **NLP** Techniques for **Text Retrieval** and **Question Answering**.
  - Adopted **Recurrent Neural Networks** and **LSTM** architecture for language modeling,
  - Implemented **Topic-modeling** methods such as **LDA** and **Non-negative matrix factorization** and embedding models such as **word2vec**.
- Applying **Optimization Techniques** in Search Engines built on **Multi-Media Big Data**.
  - Used **GPU** for training **Convolutional Neural Networks** on Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (**EC2**),
  - Used **Spark** and a **cluster** of machines for **distributed training**

MSc in ***Computer Science****,* Cum. GPA: 3.97 / 4.0 Aug. 2013–Apr. 2018
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
Thesis: A Unified Approach to Utilize General-purpose and Domain-specific **Knowledge-bases** in **Clinical Decision Support** Systems

MSc in ***Telecommunication Engineering****,* Cum. GPA: 3.60 / 4.0 Sept. 2009–Nov. 2011
Iran University of Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran
Thesis: A Blind Spectrum Sensing Method for Cognitive Radio Systems

EXPERIENCE

Co-founder & Technical Director 2008–2010
Basamad Pardaz System Co (Startup Company), Urmia, Iran

- Atmel AVR, GSM and RF transceivers
- design, development and installation of telemetry systems for water distribution networks.

Research Intern Nov. 2011–Dec. 2011
Technical University of Dresden, Dresden, Germany
- Worked on **Matlab Simulink** Model Development for the project "dependence of rotor current in doubly-fed induction generator on different grid voltage faults and operation points."

Research Assistant Aug. 2013–Present
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- **Deep Neural Networks** in **Multimodal Retrieval Systems**,
- **Neural Networks** in **Textual Information Retrieval Systems**,
- **Sequential Detection** in **Concept Graphs**,
- **Optimization** Frameworks in **Information Retrieval** Systems,
- **Topic Modeling** in **Information Retrieval** Systems,
- **Knowledge-based** Query Expansion in **Clinical Decision Support** Systems (won three competitions in TREC-CDS'15),
- **Sequential Detection**, **Quickest Search** and **Change Point Detection** algorithms in **Cognitive Networks** and **Social Media**.

Instructor and Teacher Assistant Aug. 2013–Present
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
• Senior Project (Capstone Course) and Computer Ethics • Information Retrieval Systems • Computer Science I and II • Operating Systems • Web Design • Introduction to C++.

AWARDS

- First-place award at the Task **A-Manual** of Text REtrieval Conference (TREC) Clinical Decision Support (CDS) Track held by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (2015),
- First-place award at the Task **A-Automatic** of TREC-CDS Track held by NIST (2015),
- Andrzej Olbrot Travel Award for **Excellence in Graduate Student Research** (2016),
- Thomas C. Rumble University Graduate **Fellowship** (2017),
- Arshia Sioshansi's Merit **Scholarship** Award (2017),
- **SIGIR Student Travel Grants** to attend CIKM'16 and ICTIR'16 (2016),
- Second-place award at the Task **B-Automatic** of TREC-CDS Track held by NIST (2015),
- Distinguished MSc thesis Award from Iran Telecommunication Research Center (Fall 2011).

PATENTS

- An Economically Efficient Telemetry System for Rural Water Networks (National Patent, No. & Application Date: 390060982 - 21/09/2011)

RECENT PUBLICATION

- "Embedding-based Query Expansion for Weighted Sequential Dependence Retrieval Model." In **SIGIR'17**.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, R, Bash, C, Julia, Matlab, LaTeX, JavaScript, C, HTML.
Libraries: TensorFlow, Torch, NumPy, scikit-learn, SciPy, Pandas, ggplot2, Jupyter Notebook, PySpark.
Other: Indri, Galago, Django, MongoDB, MySQL, Bootstrap, AWS, Git.